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Month of April Brings Boycott

by Diana Haines

For the past few months the price of food has been going increasingly higher everyday. Since March 21, according to federal government statistics, the price of meat over the nation has risen 5.4 percent and all retail food 2.4 percent. This has been the trend of the American food economy for the past few months. The price of chopped meat has soared from \$.89 a pound to as much as \$1.39 a pound. Chicken, which once cost \$.29-.39 a lb., now is \$.69 a lb. Many consumers could not take the rising cost of food any more and set out to do something about it.

Women all over the country started plans for staging a meat boycott. Connecticut, Los Angeles, New Jersey, Staten Island, Michigan, North Carolina, and Missouri are the biggest places. Women's groups such as the Women United for Action started urging women to start boycotting meat and cutting down their expenses on food starting the week of April 1. Rallies have been planned, leaflets have been written up and women are prepared to boycott their neighborhood supermarkets.

The idea of the meat boycott is getting mixed results. Many supermarket managers do not worry because they feel that a boycott such as the one staged for April 1 will not have an effect because not too many people will go along with it. On the otherhand, some managers of stores have given their employees furloughs and layoff warnings. Still, others don't know what the boycott will do and wait to find out. Out in the midwest farmers are countermoving the boycott by planning to hold back cattle and pork in order that the meat prices will remain up.

One of the main thrusts of the boycott is to write to the people in Congress and government to voice their opinions on the high prices of food. It was urged to write to individual Congressmen, the President, Agriculture Secretary, and the Cost of Living Council. Women's groups have available pre-addressed envelopes to the Congressmen of their districts to be sold and give out to consumers. These groups have also obtained the support of many church clubs and organizations and also from synagogues.

In Washington, the boycott gets backing and gets rebuttal. Rep. William R. Cotter, a democrat of Connecticut, supports the boycott and said, "The 4,000 members of the Connecticut Junior Women's Clubs are forming the nucleus of what I hope will be a nationwide homemaker's rebellion." In New York many political leaders all have expressed consent to the boycott such as Shirley Chisholm, Benjamin Rosenthal and others. The President pledged on nationwide television to bring down meat prices but said that it would take time.

All eyes will be on the American Supermarket the week of April 1. As Ms. Shuttleworth said, "We do not expect permanently lowered prices, but some sort of action by Congress and the President to halt inflation. Only time will tell, only time will tell."

Ballet Hispanico: A Cultural Experience

by Maria Mojica

On March 21st and 28th the "Ballet Hispanico," directed by Tina Ramirez, performed here at Bushwick's auditorium. The program was brought to Bushwick by the Rollins Memorial Fund.

The program consisted of dances from Haiti, Latin America, Puerto Rico, and Spain. The brightly colored costumes and the fast-moving dancers kept the audience's attention glued to the stage. While the troupe entertained, they also informed, relating details of hispanic culture in explaining dances and

costumes.

A favorite with the audience was "Flirtation." The number was fast-moving and eye-catching. The penetrating beat of the conga and the swishing of the skirts gave the dance it's flair. The conga player set the tone and mood, impressing his audience with his skill and at the same time explaining the principles of playing the conga to them.

The Rollins Memorial Fund, which was organized in memory of Bushwick's first principal, Dr. Rollins, brought the Hispanic Ballet to Bushwick.

Bomb Scare A Hoax

by Miriam Colon and Maria Mojica

On Tuesday, April 10th, Thomas Gonzalez and Robert Casuso of class 6-5CB accidentally found what seemed to be an explosive device that was located on the sixth floor.

The two students immediately reported it to the administration and the police and fire departments were informed.

Because of the uncertainty of the nature of the device, the police and fire departments thought it best that the near area be evacuated. So, under the supervision of Dr. Gelber, the principal, and Mrs. LaGrasse, the assistant principal, the entire fourth, fifth, and sixth floors were evacuated and the students were sent to the cafeteria. The students on the remaining floors were asked to stay in their classrooms. They were not asked to evacuate the remaining floors because the authorities felt that even if the device did go off, it was not big enough to affect the

other floors.

After carefully examining the device, it was found to be all a hoax. What looked like a bomb was just a couple of beer cans rigged up to look like a bomb, and there was never any real danger involved.

Although nothing serious happened, the administration is taking steps to apprehend the person or persons responsible.

An investigation is underway, and it is being supervised by the Fire Marshall's office and the detective squad. Detectives are in the school, and they have already questioned several suspects and will continue to do so until the criminal is caught.

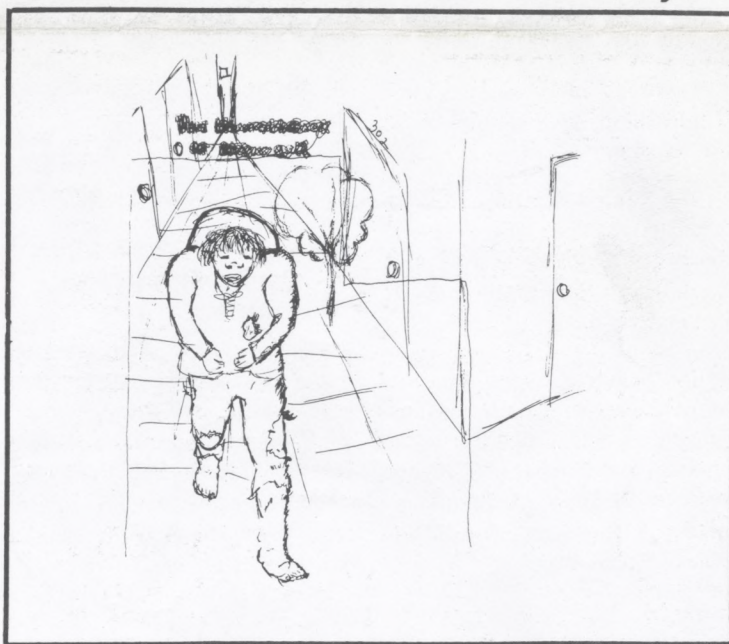
If the person or persons responsible are apprehended and convicted, they will face a felony

charge and can serve from six to ten year's imprisonment.

When asked if this bomb scare had any connection with the one in September of 1971, Dr. Gelber stated that the one in 1971 was just a mistake. They had heard some ticking in the boys' locker room and the administration immediately evacuated the building. But when the locker was opened, it was just a battery-operated toy that a student had innocently placed in his locker for safe keeping.

In any other place, there might have been a panic because of the situation. But, in Bushwick the students who were evacuated into the cafeteria were said to have been in no way disorderly. In fact, Mrs. LaGrasse said that "the pupils behaved beautifully and they were just wonderful."

Hunchback Haunts Bushwick High



Hunchback terrorizing the hallway.

by Charles Giannone

This March the Newman Club, under the direction of Mr. Kingston, shot their second feature film. The first was a western, entitled, *The Shiftless Sheriff of Sugar Gulch*. Their newest effort is a satirical throwback to the original *Hunchback of Notre Dame* entitled, *The Hunchback of Bushwackia (or For the Love of Igor)*.

Joseph Favilla stars as a love-sick ogre in a medieval school. Enid Fonfrias plays Gwendolyn, and Noel Garcia is her two-timing boyfriend.

The story centers around a repulsively deformed character who falls in love with a young

lady, who, herself, is in love with a student who is two-timing her.

Charles Giannone, assistant director, brought his actors on location to many areas of the school, including on the roof. Probably, the movie will be rated "B" for bloodshed.

Others in the cast include Madeline Tiru, Carlos Agosto, Wilfredo Nin, Marva Usher, Adele Nicholau, Arnaldo Melendez, and Mrs. Adams.

If successful, the movie will be shown to the elderly at the Willoughby Home for the aged, where the Newman Club will make its third appearance on April 13th.

Seventh Annual Breakfast

by Charles Giannone

The Newman Club will hold its Seventh Annual Communion Breakfast this year on Sunday, May 6th at St. Bridgid's Roman Catholic Church, located at the corner of Linden St. and St. Nicholas Ave. in Brooklyn.

Mass is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. and will be held in the same room where the breakfast will be served. The Newman Club thought this arrangement would provide for a more intimate and friendly social gathering.

As in the past the Newman Club will have prizes for some lucky guests.

This year's guest speaker promises to be as great as last year's smash, Miss Romano (if not better).

Also, as in the past the donation will be \$2.00 for teachers and \$1.00 for students.

Here are a couple of comments from our school aides who have attended the breakfast:

"The food was very appetizing, and I met some old acquaintances", said Mrs. Novak. Mr. Chiofalo stated, "I enjoyed the wonderful meal along with the warm atmosphere that prevailed throughout the room."

The Communion Breakfast promises to be spiritually and socially rewarding. Why not keep that Sunday morning open?

Health Fair Coming On May 14, 15, and 16

EDITORIALS

The current education system is under attack. It's opponents are those who wish to have relevant education introduced into the schools. However, the administration, teachers, and the students cannot define what relevant education is. Relevant education is hard to define, since the cities' schools are composed of students with different nationalities and cultural backgrounds from all over the world.

Students are tired of learning in an institution that dates back to colonial days. However, support for a complete change in the school system is not the answer. The answer is to experiment with various courses that should be offered to elementary schools, so that the young will have a taste of what's in store for them when they reach a higher grade. If students decide, when they reach a higher grade that they want to further their knowledge in these subjects or want to change and experiment with new courses, then so be it.

Offering the young children new ideas of learning will be beneficial to them as well as to their seniors in conquering this dilemma that should not exist in education.

Bushwick Briefs

Senior Day will be held for the second time this school year on Friday, April 13. Among the activities scheduled for that day are a student-faculty male basketball game and a student-faculty female volley ball game. During the long official period there will be a voter registration session in the assembly. Senior Evening comes on April 27 this year. This dance will be restricted to Seniors only at the Mesonic Hall. Last but not least the Senior Weekend Trip is set for May 19, 20, and 21. A \$15 deposit is required of all Seniors wishing to attend.

The Cultural Awareness program is in the process of making a film. They need talented students who are willing to contribute in any area of the arts such as dancing, film making etc.

There is a new ~~Varsity~~ Club. If interested, get in contact with Mr. Leone or Mr. Diamond.

The Human Relations Club is back again! They meet every Tuesday in Room 316 at 3:00 pm. All students are cordially invited to attend sessions.

The Zodiac Fashion is on its way!! For more information come to the S.O. office.

Attention seniors of '74. If you have leadership qualifications run for S.O. officer. See Miss Egan in Room 303.

(SOUND-OFF CONT.)

"Let me make this perfectly clear," someone said.

I also wish to make one thing perfectly clear. What about newspaper coverage of both the Bushwick band and orchestra?

Although many people say that the sports teams are the most important in the school, I feel that the school orchestra and band are just as important. There are many people in the school who can play a sport well, but is there the same number of students who can play an instrument? Let's face it; just as being very athletic is a talent, so is playing an instrument. Playing an instrument is a skill acquired by few after many years of hard practice. Let's not hide the skill of these people but reward them.

Many students don't really know the time, effort and determination it takes to play an instrument. I'm not saying that all members of the band and orchestra are exceptionally good, but these students have some skill although they have a long way to go before they can actually play well.

by Allan Montalvo

THE DOPE PUSHER FIGHT IS YOURS!

The war against drug traffic is your fight, and you can enlist in the battle through The News. If you have any information about where and how and by whom narcotics are being sold, simply write down the specific details and send them to:

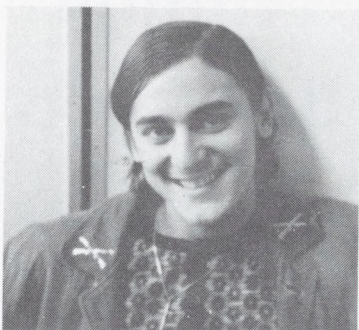
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Nick Stevenson



Elba Melendez



Eddie Rosario

Milva:

On Life

Pegasus

Love me joyous...Love me long
To each other we belong
Love me with a single song
.....Love me.

Touch me tender, touch me soft
As timbrels from an undercroft
Touch me with thy soul aloft
.....Touch me.

Sing me lightly tender dear
Sing the songs we love to hear
Songs beyond the pale of fear
.....Sing me

Bring me roses, Bring me bread
Sacred steps of Angel tread
Subtle incense for me head
.....Bring me

"Why is me?"
I'm the goal behind your goal,
I am the twin that makes thee whole
I am the mate of your own soul
....You see....

Sound - Off

Dear Editor:

After reading your article in *Sound-Off* (March Issue), I was disturbed by your reporter saying that tickets for school activities should be sold only to Bushwick students. Bushwick students want to bring friends and parents to their activities, and the biggest crowds at activities consist of many outsiders. How can you tell a student in a Talent Show that his parents and friends can't come to see him perform?

As to the reaction of the crowd at the Talent Show, there were rude people there that made the performers nervous, but most of the blame lies in the Talent Show planning. The show, I feel, was unorganized and the audience was kept waiting too long before the show began.

The Student Organization was to blame for many of the problems at the Talent Show, and I disagree with Miriam Colon that outsiders should not be allowed. However, she will be happy to know that door sales have ceased.

Rosetta McPherson
S.O. President

I think that the school should have a music lounge. This lounge would serve students who have study halls during the course of the day. Also, this lounge would serve as a place for students to go when they have extra time during a lunch period. Perhaps this lounge could be located in the study hall. All students would be welcome to come here to dance, listen to music, get to know each other and also to smoke. I feel that the school doesn't want to face the fact that students in this school smoke. If there were a room where you could smoke, I think that a great deal of cutting would be stopped. This is not to say that a lounge where you can go to smoke and dance would solve all the problems of the school, but it would be a start. Please give this thought some consideration.

Annette Dickerson

The College-Bound Program and the Reach-out Program, two vitally important programs in this school, are in danger of being eliminated because of a cut in the Federal Education Plan which sponsors them.

Most of the students who participate in these programs feel that they are indispensable to their needs because the programs offer individual tutoring and guidance.

To keep these programs from being eliminated, the legislature must hear the public's opinion. Please write to your congressman, expressing your feelings on the Reach-Out and College Bound Programs, and how you have benefitted from them. Write to: Representative John Rooney, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

or
Senators James Buckley or Jacob Javits
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Today, with Women's Liberation gaining momentum, I think it's time for something good to be said about God's first human creation. I fully agree with Women's Lib, that women who do the same jobs as men should be paid equally, but let's not try to remove the men from the face of the earth. There is nothing wrong with being career minded and at the same time loving and cherishing your man. I'll admit that some men make loving and cherishing a very hard thing to do, but then there are some who make it very easy.

When a man is handling his end of a relationship, he should be praised and not condemned. His woman should try to keep a happy disposition, keep herself attractive and responsive to his touch. She should plan special occasions that include only him and her. At these times they should put all problems aside and talk only about pleasant things. Your man is indeed your sex object. He needs to be cared for in some ways just as a baby is cared for. Satisfy his wants and needs that are within your power, laugh at his jokes, tell him you love him, and show him too. Loving a man is a beautiful experience providing, of course, he loves you in return.

Your man is a part of you! Devote yourself to making and keeping him happy. He'll put you on a pedestal. When you're out, and some other male tries to rap, start talking about your man to him. It'll blow his mind! Your man should be treasured like a rare gem because, if you should lose him, he would be very hard to replace. In fact, you may never find another one LIKE HIM...

Sandra Brown

Dear Sandra,

Don't you mean that it would be very hard to try to get another female like the one that died? I say this because by the time you finish bending over backwards for your man you're gonna be dead. It will be very hard for this man to find another sucker who will cook, clean, and laugh at his corny jokes that are not even funny. One thing that I think that you forgot to mention is that in a strong relationship, there is a certain amount of trust and respect for each other that grows more intense as the relationship grows. If you can't be truthful to each other to the point that you have to feign having a good time, then maybe it is time to acknowledge the fact that your relationship isn't all peaches and cream...Besides, when God made the first creation, she was just experimenting anyway...

Diana Haines

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The News will protect your identity but will forward your information to law enforcement agencies for action.

by Melvina Jackson

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You Must Leave

You leave with stories half
told
with songs half sung
and dreams that were but
can not be
With half a soul yearning to
leave,
the other not wanting to let
go
A never ending vortex of hopes
and yearning for tomorrow
You leave with half hopes
and dreams to be fulfilled
with half songs to be sung
You must leave.....

Struggles

by Maddie Amato

Why are there struggles?
Struggles between me and you,
us and them
Why should anger be expressed
through blood and clenched
fists?
And hate apparent by torn
spirits?
What is hate?
We were taught it in their
schools, by their mouths
We have the knowledge of its
wrongness, of its effects
But why can't we destroy it?
Why is it so implanted in us?
So implanted is it that we can't
separate it from ourselves

It's become a human
characteristic!
It grows within us just as the
plants grow from the earth
Hate is a parasitic seed which is
implanted in and between us
A seed yielding a black barrier,
preventing us from loving all and
hating none
Whose is it to carry the weight of
fault?
Not theirs alone because aren't
we them and they us?
Isn't it for us to abolish their
reign which lurks within us
tearing the soul of many a man.

Journey

Through

Shangri - la

by Emily Restivo

If you've been waiting to see
a movie with all the elements of a
potential academy award win-
ner, Ross Hunter's musical
production of *Lost Horizon* is it.
The adventure is spectacular.
You find yourself in the
wilderness of the snow at the top
of the world as you view this film
centered around the classic
utopia, Shangri-La. Excitement
builds throughout the show,
especially in such scenes as the
escape from the rebels and the
airplane crash. Both are in-
credible moments of en-
tertainment. The beauty of *Lost
Horizon* is a faraway wonderland
of dreams with a romance
beyond any great love story.

The stars reflect vibrantly
colorful and real characters.
Peter Finch, Liv Ullmann, Sally
Kellerman, George Kennedy, and
Charles Boyer, as the High Lama,
give superb performances. You
will never forget their rich and
vivid roles. The music of *Lost
Horizon* is, of course, as lively
and breathtaking as the film
itself. The ten new Burt
Bacharach and Hal David songs
will leave an unforgettable
symphonic impression in your
heart.

Lost Horizon is for general
audiences and is on continuous
performance at Loews State I,
Loews Tower East, UA Syosset,
and Totowa Cinema. Go and see
it today. It will be an extremely
memorable and pleasurable
experience.

Anna Weidel

Wins Contest

by Emily Restivo

In our last issue of *The Bush-
wick Bulletin* we announced that
an essay contest was being held
for annex students only. The
essay was to be based upon an
experience in The Career's
Program, either The Career
Educational Program or The
Career Awareness Program. We
are pleased to announce the
winner of this contest is Anna

Weidel of class 4-2. The winning
essay, based on a humorous
experience, was entitled "A
Funny Experience," and Miss
Weidel will receive a prize of five
dollars.

The essay was carefully
chosen by the members of The
Bulletin staff. It had to be
original, and was to contain a
minimum of one hundred and
fifty words.

Sexy Poll

Results

Arnaldo Melendez, a student
at Bushwick High School, has
recently conducted a survey
inquiring about the sexiest man
in Bushwick. Both students and
teachers could be named as
Bushwick's sex symbol. The
results of this poll were based on
only forty votes due to the em-
barrassment of Arnaldo, which
made him reluctant to go around
to all the classrooms in Bush-
wick. Here are the results:

Mr. Tohn - 3 votes
Mr. Field - 1 vote
Mr. Buchman - 2 votes
Mr. Dounis - 6 votes
Mr. Magner - 7 votes
Mr. Alcuri - 1 vote
Mr. Slater - 7 votes
Mr. Posner - 1 vote
Mr. Saretsky - 1 vote
Mr. Baughton - 1 vote
Mr. Diamond - 1 vote
Louis Tope - 1 vote
Ivan Young - 1 vote
Elton Goggins - 1 vote
Ronald Glover - 1 vote
Ronald Glover - 1 vote
None - 5 votes

Bushwick

Goes

Candid

by Doreen LoBiondo

Are you interested in
photography? Do you think
you're good at it? Well, here's
your chance to prove your ability.
The *Bushwick Bulletin* staff is
sponsoring a photo contest
depicting life in Bushwick High
School. Every student is
welcomed to compete in it. Only
one photograph per student is
allowed, and all must be taken
within the school. The photo must
portray action, but sports events
are to be excluded. All
photographers must print their
name and official class on the
reverse side of their picture. All
photographs must be handed in to
Miss Tesu in room 403 by April 20.

The prize is \$5.00 (five), and
the winner will be announced in
Bushwick Bulletin. GOOD
LUCK!

Bushwick Delegate Reflects On

Presidential Classroom

by Wilfredo Nin

During the week of March 3rd to March 10th I went to Washington
D.C. to participate in a special study program entitled "A Presidential
Classroom for Young Americans." Participants in the program
consisted of 225 students representing 38 states and 4 foreign coun-
tries, including Puerto Rico, Germany, Venezuela, and the Panama
Canal Zone. The purpose of this program is to give the participating
students an insight into the operations of the American Federal
Government through a series of seminars with guest speakers from
various branches of the Federal Gov't. These seminars were held in
the buildings native to the branch being discussed or in Washington's
Shoreham Hotel. For example, the seminar dealing with the defense
complex was held in the Pentagon while the one dealing with the
Judiciary was held in the Supreme Court Building. Speakers con-
sisted of such celebrities as: news reporter Howard K. Smith, Senator
Jacob Javits, Representatives Morris K. Udall and Pierre DuPont,
Supreme Court Judge Harry Blackmun, Johan Botha, the ambassador
from South Africa, and many others. By having these guest speakers
present at the seminars, the students were able to hear the opinions of
these government representatives on such issues as the impoundment
of funds by the President, amnesty for draft evaders, and
Congressional Committee secrecy.

The unique experience afforded by this program involved much
more than the attainment of knowledge of the American Federal
Gov't. It presented us with the opportunity to speak with students from
all over the nation to become involved with them in everyday ac-
tivities and share those experiences which are normally common and
unimportant if done in the atmosphere of our own homes but quite
exhilarating when they involve a new setting with people of varying
ethnic and social backgrounds.

Through a program whose sole purpose is the study of our
government, "A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans" has
created within our nation's capitol a meeting place for teenagers from
all parts of the nation to come together to share their ideas, feelings,
and former experiences with their peers, who although may come
from different cultural and geographic backgrounds, are very much
the same as themselves. Having made the discovery of identity within
someone else who may live as far as three thousand miles away or
even farther is an experience to be cherished. For it holds within itself
that human identity common to us all of whose existence we are very
much aware yet very rarely express. Thus, when we find ourselves in
such a position where everyone is a stranger to us, we turn to this
common identity, which, when expressed, bewilders us and brings us
even closer to that person with whom we have shared this prized
possession. This experience affected a fellow participant so much that
he wrote me a letter a few days after we returned to our homes saying
that he no longer did any work in school. He said that, ever since he
returned, all he did was think about the time he spent in Washington
and the people he met there. I must say it was an overwhelming ex-
perience for me as well and only by going there and taking part in such
an experience can you truly understand the effect it has had on all of
us.

Superstars Are Not Superhuman

by Pat Giandolfo

*When All the Laughter Died
in Sorrow* is an autobiography by
Los Angeles Rams wide receiver
Lance Rentzel. The book is an in-
depth study which probes for an
answer to Rentzel's
psychological problem, which
became public knowledge in
November 1970.

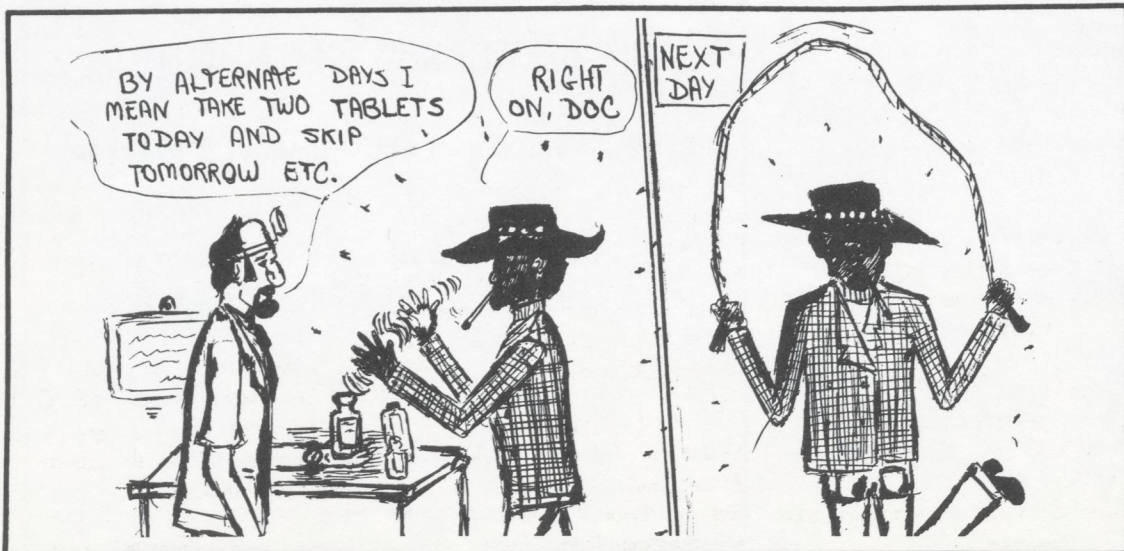
Rentzel discusses his early
triumphs in his school and college
football career with the Dallas
Cowboys and the L.A. Rams, and
his marriage to entertainer Joey
Heatherton. The accounts
leading up to his downfall as a
football hero and as a man are
told with honesty.

The athlete writes about
himself not as a God, but as a
person who is susceptible to
weaknesses, both physical and
psychological. He wants his
readers to know that he is
vulnerable and that others who

are in the public eye are not super
human beings as they are
sometimes made out to be.

Rentzel openly discusses his
personal psychological difficulty,
which became publicized when
he was arrested for exposing
himself to a nine year old girl. He
is now under psychiatric care. In
the epilogue of the book his
psychiatrist says that manhood is
reached through a process of
inner growth. The writing of this
book for Lance Rentzel shows
great courage and maturity, for
in these pages the young athlete
comes face to face with himself,
acknowledging his strengths and
weaknesses.

*When All the Laughter Died
in Sorrow* is an honest book,
painfully told by its author asking
for an understanding of himself
and all mankind that is reflected
in our eyes.



Track Team Moves Out

by Noel Jones

The never-ending track season is now approaching the outdoor season, and our young men are going all out to reap high honors for Bushwick. Coach Rexer and his squad of 30 runners, led by Kevin Garner, still show as much enthusiasm as they did in September when they started the season.

Although the cross country season has now become a thing of the past, we will always remember the impressive performances by our promising sophomore Harold Ognelodh. There is close competition on Bushwick's track team with such promising stars as Dennis Green, Wayne Haywood, Barrington McKenzie, Pedro Sazala and Gregory Hayes.

In our sprint department we hold high hopes for sprinters Elliot Ortiz, Patrick Clark, Rodrigues Prosper and captain Kevin Garner, who also does the high jump. Our 880 relay team (HX220) placed third in an indoor meet held at the armory at 168th Street and Broadway. Their time was a some-what impressive 1:42:1. The runners were Rodrigues Prosper, Pedro Sazala, Kevin Garner and Patrick Clark in that order. This sprint team with more practice

Happy Easter



Bushwick Tigers prepare for Indoor Season.

should be able to go all the way.

Other prominent members of the track team are Henry Short, Glen Miller, Waldo Sutherland, Gregory McLetchie, Cecil Scrobrough, and Noel Jones.

The outdoor season started in April and quite a few meets will

be held here at Bushwick. All students are invited to attend these meets to cheer our striders to victory.

Our team is fairly young, but with the dedication shown so far by our young athletes our track team's future is "in the bag."

Tigers Anticipate City Championship

by Joe Favilla

"Play ball!" The new PSAL season is on its way and so are the Bushwick Tigers. Just as they were last year, the Tigers are ever ready this season to capture their first baseball city championship since 1929.

As outfielder Joe Caruso said, "We are going all the way unless physical injuries will demolish our club." He also feels Bushwick is one of the most underrated teams in the city despite the fact that they ended the season 8-7, a far better record than the previous year's 4-11 skid. The team is rather young (4 seniors in all) and may encounter some solid-packed problems as a result of little experience in working with each other. Time has not been really sufficient for the new as well as for the veteran players on the team to learn "each other's plays or moods." If this may prove to be the real problem, then Bushwick's



Bushwick's baseball team and coach, Mr. Leone.

chances of a championship are at stake.

Our pitching staff, Jose Ramoslace, Joey Vasquez, sophomore left-hander, and Rafael Jimenez, senior right-hander, is strong, and Captain Herxon Ramirez tells us that "Bushwick has the best double-play combination in the division."

Outfielders Manny Paez, Frank Alvarado and Victor Maldonado can hit as well as throw. Third baseman Robert "Rico Carty" Castro, a calm individual, and shortstop Orlando

Rivera are just as essential to the team as bread and water are to life.

If not the best, Coach Phil Leone is surely one of the best. He has turned a losing team into a potential winner. With his coaching, the team's ability improved 100 percent, winning four more games than the previous year.

This year, Mr. Leone's goal is to win at least 11 games and capture first place. May Bushwick have the city's trophy for baseball with Mr. Leone's name printed four feet wide!

Two of Bushwick's Best

by Gregory McLetchie and Sidney Llera

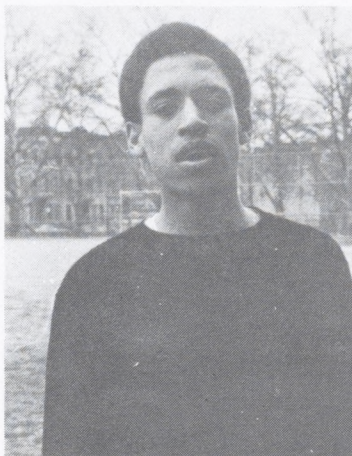
These two young men are just two of the spark plugs that make up Bushwick's Powerhouse.

Meet trackstar Harold Ognelodh. Harold is a soft-spoken, 16 year-old, College-Bound sophomore who came to us from 14 Holy Martyrs. Described by track coach, Charles Rexer, as being one of the most "dedicated and willing" young men to attend Bushwick, Harold is undoubtedly the most valuable distance runner on the track team and rated among the top ten in the city.

His present timing on the mile is as little as 4:37 (former world champ Jim Ryan did 3:13) and in the cross country run (2½ miles) 13:34, a considerable improvement over first timing 4:54 on the mile and 16:20 on the cross country run, back in October 1971.

Harold, a winner of many awards, last November, took 5th place in the 1¼ mile run and an over all 2nd place in the Junior Varsity Division. Last summer, he took 10th place in the cross country individual championship of public schools while running for the Unite AA Track Club.

However, during this indoor season he has been "taking it easy." He modestly admits being a poor indoor tracker who "resents the idea of running around in circles, especially on indoor tracks." Training hard for the approaching outdoor season, Harold hopes to be one of the top three contenders in the city this year. He claims it's not easy building a speed while sustaining an 88.9 average. Harold hopes the future will bring a track scholarship and some day Olympic competition.



Harold Ognelodh



Ivan Young

"I", as he is known to teammates and classmates as well, will be graduating this year. With his departure Ivan Young will take along with him some strong and happy memories.

Ivan is a 6'7" center who could be our very own "Clark Kent". A mild-mannered student, Ivan is a "superman on the basketball court." "I" is a gentle, soft-spoken young man in class, but under the boards he is "faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive..."

Not only is Ivan a gentleman, but he is also a complete player. He scores 18 points a game and rebounds at a 13 clip; and just when the roof seems to be falling in, "I" is one of the strongest pillars holding it up. Whether the situation calls for passing, shooting, or just blocking shots, he does it.

In his two varsity years Ivan has attracted many colleges. He has received offers from such places as the University of Minnesota, Arizona State, Oral Roberts, South Carolina State, and the University of Hawaii. These are just five of the other seventy-five others which he has received.

Ivan has, however, narrowed it down to five, and his preferences are leaning toward South Carolina State.

Although he plans an accounting major in college, "I's dream is to become a professional basketball player. It is a dream of many young men. The drive and the thrill of becoming a pro is great.

Some boys, though, do not have the skills to make it. But, Ivan Young has the potential; all he needs is the time to become a major leaguer.

Editor's Note: Our own Joe Gibbs has been given Honorable Mention in the PSAL.

Girl's Softball Ready to Swing

by Miriam Colon

A girls' softball team has finally come to Bushwick, and it looks like it might be good.

Tryouts were on Friday, March 9, and 15 out of about 30 girls made the team. The girls had to be good at everything but excell the most in catching and throwing. Mrs. Kumar, the team's coach, is enthusiastic about the team and says that they have a strong infield and good potential.

The team was started by Mrs. Kumar who suggested it to the chairman of the Physical

Education Department. The girls' softball team is being sponsored by the Public School Athletic League and will be equipped with new uniforms, new bats and balls, and other softball equipment.

The team will play twelve games, and most of them will take place at Bushwick. Mrs. Kumar is hoping that the school will give them the support they deserve. Good luck girls!

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